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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on August 27, 2001, serial number 09/939,960. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 19 with the following replacement paragraph.

Fig. 21 illustrates a Read Secure Metadata protocol according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 8, lines 21 and 22.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), the attachment entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**" contains a marked up version of the replacement paragraph illustrating the newly introduced change in the specification.

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); and
- (3) Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);

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